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Honorable William M. Nickerson
Senior United States District Judge
330 U.S. Courthouse
101 W. Lombard Street
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Re: Status in
United States v. 329 Brooklyn Avenue, etc.
Civil No. WMN-02-2823

Dear Judge Nickerson:

This is a civil forfeiture case pertaining to real property located in Caroline County. A claim was recently filed by Daisy Bolden, who is represented by Martin Schreiber, Esquire, and the parties agreed to extend the time for the filing of the Answer indefinitely, so long as we are working towards a settlement.

Mr. Schreiber and I are still in the middle of serious settlement discussions. If a settlement becomes unlikely, I will notify the Court and allow additional time for the filing of the Answer.

Mr. Schreiber and I appreciate the Court's indulgence for this informal stay, and we will continue to work as quickly as is possible towards a resolution of this matter. I will provide an updated status report on or before May 29, 2003, if the case is not concluded by then.

Very truly yours,

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